

NOTICE OF GRANT AVAILABILITY

NAME OF GRANT PROGRAM:

Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women
Infants and Children (WIC)

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

Public Law 103-448 and
WIC Federal Regulations 7 CFR Part 246

GRANT PROGRAM NO. 04-68-WIC

TYPE OF AWARDS TO BE ISSUED:

Cost-reimbursement Grants

PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS WILL BE USED:

Improve nutritional awareness and health status of eligible pregnant and lactating women and eligible children; encourage the utilization by each WIC participant of available health and social services; promote breastfeeding among all eligible lactating women; and provide fresh fruits and vegetables to eligible WIC women and children.

AMOUNT OF MONEY IN THE GRANT PROGRAM

Approximately \$14,000,000 should be available in federal fiscal year 2004 to fund 23 awards. It is expected that the average award will be \$565,000, ranging from \$43,000 to \$1,600,000. Awards will begin October 1, 2003 and will be made for a 12-month budget period. Funding estimates may vary and are subject to annual appropriation by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). Applicants currently receiving grants for these activities, who have performed satisfactorily, will be given first priority for continued funding. The Applicant applies for a multi-year (up to three-year) period, effective October 1, 2005.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS MUST COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

1. Terms and Conditions for the Administration of Grants
2. General and specific Grant Compliance requirements issued by the Granting Agency
3. Applicable Federal Cost Principles relating to the Applicant

GROUP OR ENTITIES WHICH MAY APPLY FOR THE GRANT PROGRAM:

Public or private nonprofit health agencies, county and municipal health departments, hospitals, county welfare organizations, social services organizations that can provide clinical services, and nonprofit community action programs that can provide or contract for clinical services.

QUALIFICATIONS NEEDED BY APPLICANT TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A GRANT:

1. Meet qualifications published in the WIC Program Consolidated Regulations (January 1999 Edition), FNS 7 CFR Ch II 246.5, "Selection of local agencies", and
2. The ability to perform program services as stated above, and
3. Meet state policies and federal program specifications.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES:

An application for a grant will be mailed by the Department to current recipients, and to new, qualified Applicants who have submitted a Letter of Intent in compliance with all the applicable requirements. The completed application is to be returned to the Department for consideration.

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DEADLINE BY WHICH APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED AND DATE BY WHICH APPLICANT SHALL BE NOTIFIED WHETHER THEY WILL RECEIVE FUNDS:

New Applicant's Letter of Intent must be submitted by March 14, 2003. Completed application must be submitted by June 2, 2003. Date by which current Recipient or new Applicant must be notified of grant award is on or before October 1, 2003.